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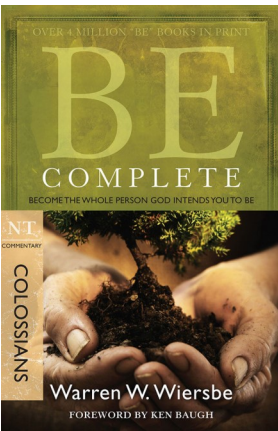
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Crossroads Bible Training helps disciples read the Bible, interact with a study guide and discuss biblical application in a group setting.



Bible Training is led by Crossroads elders. Mike Connor, James Arleth and Jason Brown alternate each month to help disciples grow.

Last month, the group began a study in the book of Colossians. They're using Warren Wiersbe's book, Be Complete, to help learners understand the text.

Please pray for responsive hearts. Ask the Lord to use His word to produce consistency, maturation and multiplication of disciples.

Souls on Fire is Crossroads' ministry to students led by Mike and Margarete Connor. Each Friday night the group gathers to have some fun, learn from God's word and encourage each other to live out their faith. Students come from a variety of backgrounds. They attend public schools, charter schools and Christian schools. Some are regular



attenders at Crossroads. Others are not; they've been invited by friends to explore biblical truth. Please pray for the Connors and their helpers, James and Barbara, as they impact the lives of students. Ask the Lord to help the students confirm their salvation, grow toward maturity and serve the Lord with the entirety of their lives.



Several students plan to attend Camp Conquest this summer. Please ask the Lord to use this week in a significant way to spark growth in individuals and the group.



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Pete and Danielle Forshtay are doing a great job in developing Word of Grace Church!



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includes developing new leaders. Anthony Elliott is growing as a leader. He continues to work towards ordination in the Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Charis Churches. This five-year process seeks to help local churches develop qualified elders to lead congregations. Please continue to pray for Anthony as he studies and serves, learning to shepherd.



As part of his development, Anthony has been working with Max, a new disciple. Pete and Anthony met Max at the local gym where he works. He had recently trusted Christ for salvation but was unchurched. Soon, he began attending worship. And later, he began to participate in a mid-week discipleship group. As Max learned, he wanted to obey Christ in baptism. So recently, Anthony was able to help Max take the next step in his walk with Christ!

Please pray for Max. And pray for his family who came to witness his baptism.



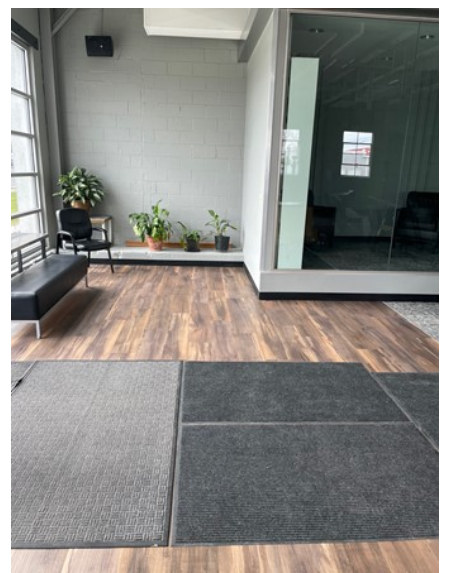
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able to get it installed recently. And we have also been promised a 1:1 matching grant at the end of 2024 towards any funds that we can raise towards a new HVAC system.

This building is continuing to be a place for gathering our community as well as a sign of our church's presence for the Gospel. It's been a blessing to see it take shape since we purchased it a little over a year ago.

Building Provisions

God is continuing to provide for the rehabilitation needs in our new building. We had funds donated towards flooring in our entryway and were



Men's Ministry Blessings

We have regularly held a monthly men's breakfast at a local diner, which allowed for community



connection but shut off much conversation and Bible study. Our first men's breakfast held at our new building allowed for the largest group of men that we've hosted yet! And, we were able to have an extended time of Bible study and prayer. God has given Michael, who is standing on the right, a passion to see men grow in their leadership. Pray that God continues to stoke the flames of his desire to grow in his leadership and to help others do the same.

Thanks for helping us develop urban churches!